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SUBJECT: NEW DUTCH GOVERNMENT: LEFT WING AND CONFESSIONALS
WILL CONFER NEXT WEEK

1. SUMMARY: CONFESSIONAL AND LEFT WING BLOCS HAVE ACCEPTED
CO- INFORMATEURS' WORK DOCUMENT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IN
PRE- CONSTITUENT MEETING OF NEW CABINET TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.
MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY FORMATEUR (S) QUEEN WILL PROBABLY
APPOINT THIS WEEKEND. THERE STILL MAJOR PROGRAMMATIC DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN TWO BLOCS. BOTH KVP FLOOR LEADER ANDRIESSEN AND LABOR' S
DEN UYL AGREE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER THERE WILL BE
LEFT WING- CONFESSIONAL CABINET WITH DEN UYL AS PM DEPENDS ON
RESULTS NEXT WEEK' S MEETINGS. END SUMMARY

2. CONFESSIONAL AND LEFT WING BLOCS HAVE ACCEPTED " WORK
DOCUMENT" PRESENTED APRIL 19 BY CO- INFORMATEURS VAN AGT
AND ALBEDA. EX- FORMATEUR BURGER AND EX- INFORMATEUR RUPPERT
ALSO ASSISTED IN PREPARATION DOCUMENT WHICH WILL SERVE AS
BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG CANDIDATE MINISTERS WHICH WILL
TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK. THESE PRE- CONSTITUENT SESSIONS OF POTENTIAL
NEW CABINET WILL BE CHAIRED BY FORMATEUR(S) APPOINTED BY
QUEEN THIS WEEKEND. MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS BURGER ASSISTED
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BY RUPPERT OR PERHAPS VAN AGT.

3. WORK DOCUMENT INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN TWO BLOCS ON A) DEFENSE POLICY B) POLICY ON LAND TENURE AND SALE C) RENT LIBERALIZATION AND D) TAX STATUS OF SELF EMPLOYED. CO- INFORMATEURS' DOCUMENT SPECIFIES ISSUES ON WHICH CABINET WILL RESIGN SHOULD BE KEPT TO MINIMUM AND THAT TWO THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED BEFORE CABINET WILL PUT ITS LIFE ON THE LINE. DIFFICULT ABORTION QUESTION IS LEFT TO PARLIAMENT. ON DEFENSE SPENDING, WORKING DOCUMENT PROVIDES FOR NO CUTS IN 1973 BUDGET AND SPECIFIES GON MUST CONTINUE TO FULFILL ITS NATO COMMITMENTS WITHOUT SETTING ARBITRARY PERCENTAGE OF GNP AS LIMIT ON DEFENSE OUTLAYS.

4. COMMENT: FORMER STATE SECRETARY WESTERTERP (SCHEDULED FOR AGRICULTURE PORTFOLIO IN NEW GOVT) TOLD DCM APRIL 19, KVP HAD ACCEPTED WORK DOCUMENT BUT STRESSED THERE COULD BE NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN IT. KVP FLOOR LEADER ANDRIESEN TOLD PRESS APRIL 19 IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SAY KVP HAS ACCEPTED CABINET DEN UYL AND FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER KVP MINISTERS WOULD SERVE IN NEW GOVT DEPENDED ENTIRELY ON RESULTS NEXT WEEK' S MEETINGS. EXACTLY WHAT POSITION LEFT WING WOULD TAKE WAS MYSTERY UNTIL 11 TH HOUR. LABOR PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 17 LABOR PARTY BOARD WAS DIVIDED WITH IDEOLOGUES CONTENDING PARTY CONGRESS DECISION PERMITTED NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONFESSIONALS AND MODERATES (PRINCIPALLY FROM PARLIAMENTARY GROUP) URGING THAT THIS LAST CHANCE TO GOVERN NOT BE MISSED BECAUSE OF ADHERENCE TO DOUBTFUL PRINCIPLE. LABOR PARTY ASSISTANT INTNL SECRETARY TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 20 VOTE IN LABOR PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WAS OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING " WORK DOCUMENT" WITH ONLY ABOUT FIVE NEW PARLIAMENTARIANS OPPOSED. HE SAID, HOWEVER, PORTIONS OF VAN AGT- ALBEDA PAPER WERE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN PRESENT FORM. HE SPECIFIED THE DEFENSE SECTION AS MOST NOTABLE EXAMPLE CONTENDING LEFT WING COULD NOT ACQUIESCE IN VIEW THERE SHOULD BE NO CUTS IN CURRENT DEFENSE BUDGET. DEN UYL HIMSELF TOLD PRESS APRIL 19 THAT VAN AGT- ALBEDA DOCUMENT A USEFUL AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK' S DISCUSSIONS BUT IT WILL BE THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE DECISIVE. THUS WHILE THE CHANCES FOR A LEFT WING- CONFESSIONAL GOVT WITH DEN UYL AS PM HAVE RISEN CONSIDERABLY IT IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN SUCH A GOVT IS HOME FREE.

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